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Subject: RE: Aquila Resources Inc-Back Forty Project - Permit No. MI0059945 [WARNING: DKIM validation failed]

Sylvia – thanks for sending this. Per our MOA as specified in our comment letter, EPA needs to see DEQs response to comments received on the draft permit. It appears you only provided a response to EPAs comments.

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Dear Krista and Kevin,

Please find attached, a copy of the proposed NPDES permit for Aquila Resources Inc-Back Forty Project, and response summary regarding USEPA's comments on the draft permit. We have added the ambient surface water monitoring as a required condition of the proposed NPDES permit in the reopener clause language (Part 1. Section A.1.j). Also attached, are copies of the draft Part 632 Mining Permit (MP012016), and the Back Forty Project, Environmental Monitoring Plan (Appendix G) with relevant sections regarding ambient surface water monitoring highlighted and/or indicated for ease of review.

We would appreciate an expedited review of the attached information, and concurrence with USEPA on the proposed NPDES permit so WRD can issue the permit by December 28, 2016. This issuance date is necessary so that the DEQ can coordinate issuance of several environmental permits to Aquila Resources Inc-Back Forty Project.

Please feel free to contact me with any remaining questions or concerns, as Alvin is retiring the end of December 2016.

Thank you,

Sylvia